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Processing Method and Apparatus  
Based on Donor Characteristics

Customer Number: 24994

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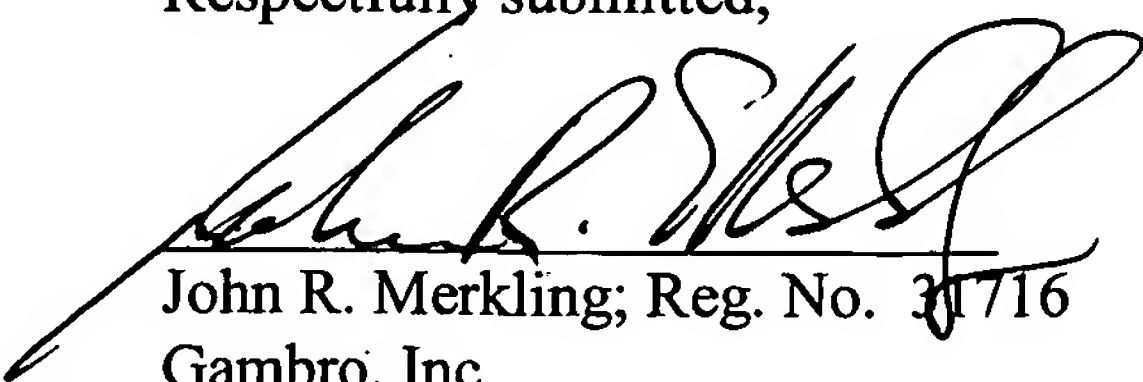
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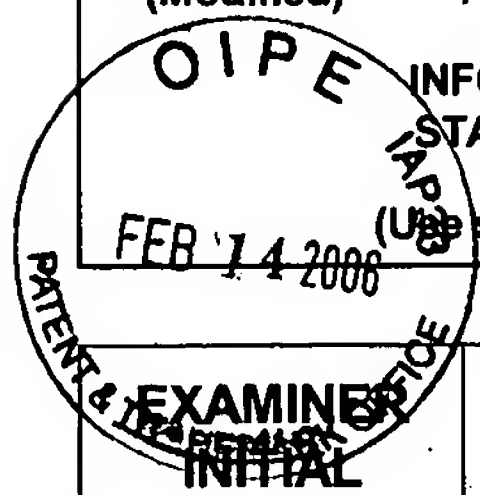
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